

Hobbyists General Meeting Minutes

April 3, 2025

The April Birthday slide is being displayed as members arrived. 35 Hobbyists have birthdays in April including 4 lifetime members (John Donohue, Lou Hinchliffe, Gene Parker and Hugh Toumey). One Hobbyist, Howie Baumgarten, is celebrating a his 84th birthday today.

Meeting called to order by President Don Peterfriend at 10:02AM.

- Don welcomed all attendees hoping all made it safely through the winter and we can now enjoy the spring season.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Bob Paoli

President's Report- Don Peterfriend

- Upcoming Special Events- Fellowship Luncheon Thursday 4/17 at FPC beginning at noon, and Spring Dinner/Dance on May 5th 6:00PM to 10PM at Seasons. Event Chairs will fill you in on Details Today. Come out and have an enjoyable Lunch with live entertainment and Evening.
- Activity Chairs- Don gave a shout out and thanks to all Activity Chairs for what they do unselfishly for the club.
- Encouraged all Members to participate in as many activities which the Club has to offer. Also urged all to take a Leadership Role by assisting/supporting our Activity Chairmen. This will also provide Bench Strength for our Activities. Review the website for a complete listing of our Activities.
- Need to keep our New Membership moving forward. We are having great success with New Members joining the Club. Please get a friend, relative or neighbor to join the Hobbyists.
- Urged Members to attend meetings and reach out to others to attend.
- Appreciate if members would remain after Meetings for Speaker Presentations which are interesting and informative.

Hobbyist Concern- Peter Philip

- Dom Casulli: A Memorial Service is scheduled for April 5, 2025. Ann Hovan spouse of Hobbyist Joe Hovan and Pat Driscoll spouse of Hobbyist Ed Driscoll passed away recently.

Treasurer's Report – Gary Engelhardt

- No Report.

Membership – Bob Mosher

- We currently have 427 members, 70 are Lifetime including those to be added during 2025. There are 85 members present today plus 3 on zoom. Six new Applications have been recently received. Just a reminder, per the Hobbyists Constitution New Members may introduce prospective Applicants, however, the New Member must be a Member for one year prior to Sponsoring an Applicant.
- Activity Chairs send Hobbyists pictures to Hobbyists66.com for presentation at monthly Meetings.
- New Inductees: Tom Papaleo (Paul Daniele), David Rosen (Steven Fromm) and Tom Lynch (Mike Doherty)

Speaker Program- Peter Weinstein

- Today's program "American Revolution and George Washington in NJ"
Presented by Prof. Joel Farkas

Activity Chairman Reports:

- Beer Appreciation – Rick Rosenthal: "During Tax season there are two reasons to Drink Beer: 1) You Owe Money so drown you sorrows 2) You are Owed Money so celebrate". Next gathering is scheduled for April 10, 2025 at Midland Brew Hall in Saddle Brook, NJ
- Bocce - Steve Friedman: Meets every Friday 9:30AM. April began outdoors at Waldwick Boro Park. All members always welcome, show up, no talent required just bring a rake and lawn chair.
- Book Club – Jon Sterling: No meeting in April. Next meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2025 at 10AM in the FPC Library. Details to be posted shortly on website and outlined in a Constant Contact email soon.
- Chess Club – Rick Pascal: Meets Wednesdays at 10AM at the Church, with a refresher at 9:30AM.
- Camera Club- Still seeking an Activity Chair: Lou Fucito informed the Members about The Ridgewood Guild International Film Festival in its 14th year. The program draws filmmakers from around the world with 41 films chosen of 70 submitted. Showings: Tuesday (Free) April 8, 6:30 to 9PM, Ridgewood Library; Thursday (Free) April 10, 6:30 to 9PM, Ridgewood Library; Thursday (cost \$15, \$10 Seniors) April 24 at Unitarian Society of Ridgewood (Cottage St. RW) and Rose Persian Grill (53 Franklin Ave. RW). Both of these have advance tickets available. Info <https://ridgewoodguildfilmfestival.com>.
- Dinner Dance- Bill Healy: The next Dinner Dance will be on May 5th at Seasons in Washinton Twp. from 6PM to 10PM. For the price the Venue (appetizers, entrees, desserts, open bar and ambiance) is about as good as it gets. We are very close to the required number of attendees more are welcome and it is always an enjoyable evening. Any questions feel free to contact Don Peterfriend or Bill Healy.
- Fishing- Peter Weinstein: Next trip is to Lake George scheduled to depart on Friday Night (5/30/25). Fishing will be via a Charter Boat with "Lines in the Water" on 5/31 and 6/1. Contact Peter Weinstein (201-663-3536 or rodreel44@aol.com) for details as website is in process of updating.
- Fellowship Lunch- Bob Mosher: The Luncheon will be held on Thursday April 17th commencing at Noon being held at FPC in the auditorium. A follow-up Constant Contact message will be forthcoming shortly with all the details. Please sign-up prior to April 13th to reserve your table seating and so we have a good headcount to order adequate food/drink. Also we will have Live Entertainment during coffee and dessert.
- Golf- Paul Fazio: Golf opens Tuesday 4/8/'25 and Friday 4/11/'25. Thursday Travel on May 6th at Mount Airy has been cancelled given issues (sink holes) on route 80. Commissioners: Gary Don Tuesday Golf, Giancarlo Bisone Friday Golf and Mike Doherty Handicap Program. See website for all details. REMINDER: If you cancel be sure to notify the Golf Club so you don't get charged as well as Captain.
- Investment Club-Mike Flannery: Next meeting will be Wednesday April 23rd 1:30PM at FPC and Zoom. Constant Contact email will be forthcoming with specifics.
- Military History – Tom Heed: Next meeting April 28th 2:00PM at FPC auditorium. Discussion will be TET Offensive presented by Frank Crotty.
- Movie Lovers- Alan Lo : The next movie will be Tuesday April 11, 2025 at 1:30PM in the Senior Lounge of the Ridgewood Village Hall. Movie will be "Still Life" (2013-92 minutes). Starring Eddie Marsan, Joanne Froggatt and Karen Drury. Directed by Uberto Pasolini. Check web page for additional details.

- Music Lovers – Jim McKeown: Following are the upcoming programs: Friday, April 11, NOTE 9:45AM, “They Died Young” (composers less than 40), May 9, 10AM, “Broadway Blockbusters”, June 13, 10AM, Comedy in Music (reprise). All programs in the FPC auditorium. Review the website for more details.
- Newsletter – Rick Pascal: Rick thanked Bill Carbone, Ed Daly, Mark Singer and Mike Doherty and all the Activity Chairs for their support in publishing the March Newsletter.
- Pickleball – Allen Krauss: Outdoor pickleball started April 2nd and will continue through October. Outdoor is played at Saddle River County Park in Rochelle Park on Wednesdays from 8:30AM to 11:00AM. If you initially signed up but do wish to play contact Allen to remove your name. Contact Allen at akrauss@gmail for further information or see website for further details.
- ROMEO- Cliff Matthews: Next lunch will be April 11,2025 Noon at Justin’s Ristorante (234 Lafayette Ave, Hawthorne, NJ.) Kindly advise Cliff no later than Noon on April 9th to reserve your seat and allow him to have a good headcount for the reservation.
- Trip and Tours- Bob Sayegh and Bob Paoli: Upcoming Trips:1) Wednesday June 18th bus departs Graydon North Parking Lot at 9:00AM for trip to the Paterson Great Falls and the Paterson Museum followed by lunch at Limoncello Restaurant in Waldwick and 2) Wednesday September 10th to September 12th the Fall Trip to Woodloch Pines Resort, Hawley, PA. Bus departs Graydon North Parking Lot at 9:30AM on Sept 10th arriving for lunch. See website for further details.
- Volunteer Services- George Millington and Dave Smilon: Program is active with 14 regulars going 2 Tuesdays per month (April 8th and April 29th 2025) to Eva’s Village in Paterson. The group meets at 10AM at Graydon North Parking Lot and departs to Eva’s Village to set up tables and serve lunches at noon as well as 1PM to homeless and working poor. Generally, the group finishes around 1:30PM and is back in Ridgewood by 2PM.
- Wine Appreciation—Bob Stevenson: Next WAG Luncheon will be on Friday April 25th at Aldo’s at 640 Wyckoff Ave, Wyckoff. See website for additional info and contact Bob Steveson (robsteveson@hotmail.com) for reservation.
- Wine Making- Paul Richert: The Chilean Bordeaux Blend produced in 2024 is “SPECTACULAR”. The Group will next begin producing in May a Chilean Blend-Syrah-Cabernet Sauvignon-Malbec. Paul also advised all the Hobbyists to be aware of scams which indicate they represent the Hobbyists. If an email is not through Constant Contact or from a Hobbyists Activity Chairmen it is probably a scam.

Chairs still needed for Camera Club and World Affairs. Someone needs to step up to Chair either one or both Activities. See President Don Peterfriend.

Other Business: None

Business Meeting Concluded at 10:55AM

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Respectfully submitted by,
Chuck Woehrle, Executive Secretary